

April 3, 2017

**Ex Parte**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

*Re: Business Data Services in an Internet Protocol Environment, WC Docket No. 16-143; Investigation of Certain Price Cap Local Exchange Carrier Business Data Services Tariff Pricing Plans, WC Docket No. 15-247; Special Access for Price Cap Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 05-25; AT&T Corporation Petition for Rulemaking to Reform Regulation of Incumbent Local Exchange Carrier Rates for Interstate Special Access Service, RM-10593.*

Dear Ms. Dortch,

On March 30, 2017, the undersigned counsel for Windstream Services, LLC (“Windstream”), along with Charles McKee of Sprint Corporation (“Sprint”) and V. Shiva Goel, counsel for Sprint, met with Claude Aiken of the Office of Commissioner Clyburn.

We discussed Sprint’s and Windstream’s positions on the business data services (“BDS”) proceeding as described in recent *ex parte* filings.<sup>1</sup> We also discussed the importance of providing BDS customers with sufficient time to adapt to a radically altered BDS framework, and ensuring that incumbent local exchange carriers do not increase DS1 and DS3 rates in response to deregulation.

Sincerely,



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Counsel to Windstream

cc: Meeting participants

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<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Paul Margie, Counsel, Sprint, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 16-143, 15-247 & 05-25 & RM-10593 (filed Mar. 22, 2017); Letter from John Nakahata, Counsel, Windstream, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC, WC Docket Nos. 16-143, 15-247 & 05-25 & RM-10593 (filed Mar. 27, 2017).